

**Southwestern Connecticut Intergroup      APPROVED Minutes of May 20, 2009**

Present: Charlotte W., Susan R., Zazu G., Ruth M., Kitty, Jesse M., Ed B., Lucille K., Mark T., John, Bob B., Nick

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Charlotte W. following the Serenity Prayer. Everyone introduced themselves.

**I. Reports:**

**A. Recording Secretary:** Ruth M. presented March 18, 2009 minutes which were reviewed, discussed, amended and approved. It was requested that the "Actions Needed Before Next Meeting" section of the minutes be sent out to all members. That will be done.

**B. Corresponding Secretary:** Jesse M. reported on correspondence received from World Service Office. It included a Public Service Announcement for radio stations available to local groups to get the message out about their meetings. This is available through intergroup and on the WSO web site. "A Step Ahead" newsletter is also available on the web site.

**C. Treasurer:**

Zazu presented the current report for March 18-April 30 which was reviewed and approved.

**D. Region 6:** Charlotte attended the Assembly in Albany, NY. She represented the 45 groups that make up our Southwestern Connecticut Intergroup. A written report was given out. She also reported that a "12<sup>th</sup> Step Within" workshop entitled "Back to Basics" will be offered at the Region 6 Convention in Stamford, CT in October. She also encouraged members to consider being a Region 6 representative. We are entitled to have 5.

**II. Subcommittees:**

**A. Public Information-Professional Out Reach**

1. Charlotte reminded the group that a Chair is needed for this committee due to Samantha's resignation.

**2. Intergroup Brochure:** Annette was not present so revision review was put off until next meeting (July) Charlotte presented samples of paper for the brochure. A motion was made to print 500 copies in Tara green when revisions of the brochure are complete. Motion carried.

**3. Outreach Libraries:** Susan R. reported libraries in Danbury, Sherman and New Milford have been given copies of the books **Overeaters Anonymous** and **Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions of OA** as well as subscriptions to **Lifeline**.

**4. Events:**

**a.** Lucille reported that newspaper ads publicizing the May 16 "My Favorite Things" Event in Westport were run in Stamford papers. Zazu reported that 31 people attended the event. \$297.30 was taken in. Expenses were \$149.50 for a profit of \$147.80. The format of having attendees share 5 minutes on favorite things about OA was well received.

**b.** Upcoming events are Stratford Day, Sat. June 6 and Milford Oyster Festival Sat. Aug. 15. Volunteers are needed to sit at the information tables.

**c.** A Chair is need for this committee.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Letter to World Service:** This issue was carried over from last intergroup meeting (March 18). A letter to World Service was drafted by intergroup Chair Charlotte. It was addressed to WSO Managing Director regarding the location of the World Service 2010 Convention at Los Angeles International Airport. Charlotte wanted to draw to the WSO attention that she felt holding the convention at that venue was in violation of Tradition 10 which states that OA ought never to be drawn into public controversy. The controversy is that hotel workers at the venue are demonstrating to form a union and WSO is choosing to ignore the demonstration and urging members to attend the convention. Discussion followed and some members felt that by sending the letter we were entering into public controversy. Although Charlotte's letter contained excellent points, some felt it was also in accordance with Tradition 10 to not send the letter. A motion was made to not send the letter. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

#### **IV. New Business**

- A. Audit of SWCT Intergroup Finances:** Zazu reported that Intergroup member Maureen, volunteered her professional services to audit the books and give a report. Motion was made to have Maureen audit the books. Motion carried.
- B. WSO Delegate Opening:** Current representative Samantha has resigned the position and a replacement is needed. Members were encouraged to consider this opportunity to do service.
- C. November Elections:** Available positions for 2010 are Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, WSO delegate, Region 6 rep. Applications are due at Sept. 16 meeting.
- D. Structure of Intergroup Meetings:** Susan R. asked members to consider ways to streamline meetings so there is more efficient use of time and productivity. One suggestion was that many discussions & decisions could be made by committees outside of intergroup meetings. Discussion to continue at next meeting. (July 15)
- E.** Lucille announced she is moving out of state. She was thanked for her years of service and will be missed.
- F. Seventh Tradition-** \$20.00 was collected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 followed by Third Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth M.

#### **Actions Needed Before Next Meeting (July 15):**

- Members needed to sit at information table at Milford Oyster Festival August 15 –Call Zazu 878-1678**
- Consider doing service by filling available intergroup positions in 2010: Chair; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; World Service delegate; Region 6 rep.**
- Consider what can be done to reinvigorate participation in intergroup. What committees can you volunteer and become active in? Committees that need Chairs: Public Information/ Professional Outreach; Events; Twelfth Step Within**
- Charlotte will contact Maureen regarding auditing SWCT Intergroup books.**